

October 31, 2023

Liz Fordahl, Counsel
North Dakota Legislative Council
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Proposed Creation of N.D. Admin. Code Chapter 33-03-37
Health Care Professional Student Loan Repayment Program


Dear Ms. Fordahl:

Enclosed for filing in the office of the Legislative Council is the Notice of Intent to Create Administrative Rules concerning the above proposed rules as required by N.D.C.C. section 28-32-10. Also enclosed is a copy of the proposed rules.

We have requested publication of an abbreviated newspaper publication notice once in each official county newspaper which will notify the public that an oral hearing on these rules will be held on Monday, December 18, 2023, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until 11:00 a.m. or until no further testimony is offered, whichever occurs first.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 328-2311. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Alm
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cc: Kalee Werner, Primary Care Office
Kim Mertz, Healthy & Safe Communities
Dirk Wilke, Executive Director of Public Health Division

Enclosures

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO CREATE
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO
N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 33-03-37
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed creation of N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-03-37 at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, December 18, 2023, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

The proposed creation of N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-03-37, Health Care Professional Student Loan Repayment Program, is as follows:

Section 33-03-37-01 is created to provide definitions for "defined area of need", "department", "direct health care services", "employer", "full-time", "half-time", "health care professional", "loan repayment", "program", and "site".

Section 33-03-37-02 is created to identify and give priority to service areas with the greatest need for health care professionals.

Section 33-03-37-03 is created to outline eligibility requirements for a health care professional to qualify for the program.

Section 33-03-37-04 is created to outline eligibility requirements for an employer to qualify for the program.

Section 33-03-37-05 is created to identify how the Department prioritizes eligible health care professionals and employers.

Section 33-03-37-06 is created to outline the application process in which health care professionals apply.

Section 33-03-37-07 is created to outline the application process in which employers apply.

Section 33-03-37-08 is created to detail the loan repayment contract and contracting process.

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Section 33-03-37-09 is created to detail the payment parameters, schedule, and reporting requirements of the Department and employer.

Section 33-03-37-10 is created to detail an amendment or termination of a contract.

The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000. No taking of real property is involved in this rulemaking action.

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zones and at human service centers. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules, may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments on the proposed rules must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 28, 2023.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2023.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Department of Health and Human Services is proposing creation of N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-03-37, Health Care Professional Student Loan Repayment Program. The department has adopted procedures to assure public input into the formulation of the rules prior to adoption.

In conformity with those procedures, we are providing you with a copy of the proposed rules and are requesting that you provide any written data, views, or arguments no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 28, 2023.

The department has scheduled an oral hearing for Monday, December 18, 2023. Further information concerning the public hearing is included in the attached notice of proposed rulemaking and public hearing.

Your participation is welcomed, as are your suggestions. Please send all written data, views, or arguments to: Rules Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0250.

Sincerely,



Sara Stolt
Interim Commissioner

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